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SUBJECT: P.L. EXPORT TRANSACTION CHECK.

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1. EDO INTERVIEWED M. ANDRE CHARPENTIER, CO-DIRECTOR OF SONOTHEQUE S.A.R.L. ON 29 JANUARY. HE WAS COOPERATIVE AND FORTHRIGHT IN PROVIDING DETAILS OF REF TRANSACTION (BIC CASE A 183995). SONOTHEQUE HAS PREVIOUSLY IMPORTED THE SAME COMMODITIES AND CHARPENTIER PROVIDED A CONTRACT IN WHICH SONOTHEQUE IS DESIGNATED DISTRIBUTOR FOR SPIN PHYSICS VIDEO-HEAD REPLACEMENT KITS. THE CONTRACT, DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1973, IS SIGNED BY NORMAN H. MEYERS OF SPIN PHYSICS AND ANDRE THERON OF SONOTHEQUE. SONOTHEQUE IS NOT REGULARLY INVOLVED IN IMPORTING U.S. EQUIPMENT EXCEPT FOR THIS CONTRACT. CHARPENTIER STATED THAT THE PRIMARY END-USER OF REF EQUIPMENT IS IBM-FRANCE, RIVES DE SAINE, 68-76 QUAI DE LA RAPEE, PARIS 12 TEL 341-13-60 WITH WHOM SONOTHEQUE HAS A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT COVERING APPROXIMATELY TWENTY AMPEX VIDEO TAPE RECORDERS. THIS WAS CONFIRMED DIRECTLY WITH IBM PURCHASING MANAGER, MR. RECOIS. REMAINING KITS ARE TO BE SOLD TO CEA (FRENCH NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY), FRENCH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, AND PMU

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2. THE CREDIT CHECK OF SONOTHEQUE INDICATES THAT SONOTHEQUE HAS A HISTORY OF UNPAID BILLS AND CAUTION WAS ADVISED. CHARPENTIER REPORTED THAT FOR EARLIER ORDERS SONOTHEQUE HAD PROVIDED SPIN PHYSICS WITH LETTERS OF CREDIT, BUT IN THIS INSTANCE, SPIN PHYSICS HAD DISPENSED WITH THIS REQUIREMENT.

3. CHARPENTIER WAS ADVISED OF US EXPORT REGULATIONS CONCERNING DIVERSION AND DELIVERY VERIFICATION PROCEDURES. DIVERSION IN THIS CASE APPEARS UNLIKELY DUE TO THE FIRM'S CONTRACT WITH IBM FOR APPROXIMATELY THE AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT ON ORDER. (CONFIRMED BY IBM.) EMBASSY RECOMMENDS LICENSE BE APPROVED. CAUTION WITH REGARD TO FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE TRANSACTION IS RECOMMENDED. WTDR SENT PER REF C.
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